

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (previously presented): A method comprising:

3 receiving a communication to a called party at a specified destination from a first communication device, the communication having associated therewith first identifying information;

authenticating a user of the first communication device;
and

replacing the first identifying information with second identifying information.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The method of claim 1 further comprising routing the communication to the specified destination.

Claim 3 (original): The method of claim 1 further comprising:

receiving the second identifying information from the user via the first communication device.

Claim 4 (original): The method of claim 3 further comprising:

prompting the user to enter the second identifying information.

Claim 5 (cancelled)

Claim 6 (original): The method of claim 1 wherein authenticating the user comprises:

receiving from the user via the first communication device authentication data; and

comparing the authentication data against a set of known authentic data.

B Claim 7 (original): The method of claim 6 wherein the authentication data comprise a PIN.

Claim 8 (original): The method of any of claims 1-7 further comprising:

connecting the communication to a second communication device; and

presenting the second identifying information to the second communication device.

Claim 9 (original): The method of any of claims 1-7 wherein:

the method is performed in a telephone network;

the first identifying information comprises caller ID information; and

the method further comprises,

connecting the communication to a second communication device, and

presenting the second identifying information to the second communication device.

Claim 10 (original): A method comprising:

receiving a communication from a first communication device;

authenticating a user of the first communication device;

pursuant to authentication of the user, selecting custom ID information;

3 connecting the communication from the first communication device to a second communication device; and

delivering the custom ID information to the second communication device.

Claim 11 (original): The method of claim 10 further comprising:

receiving from the user a first input to override a first ID information associated with the first communication device; and

the delivering of the custom ID information replaces the first ID information with the custom ID information.

Claim 12 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein the authenticating of the user comprises:

receiving from the user a second input which the user has entered at the first communication device; and

comparing the second input against a set of known valid data.

Claim 13 (original): The method of claim 10 further comprising:

receiving from the user a third input to select the custom ID information from a plurality of pre determined data.

Claim 14 (original): The method of claim 10 further comprising:

receiving the custom ID information from the user via the first communication device.

B Claim 15 (original): The method of any of claims 10-14 wherein the method is performed in a caller ID service of a telephone network.

Claims 16-31 (cancelled)

Claim 32 (previously presented): An apparatus comprising:

a plurality of communication interfaces to couple a first communication device and a second communication device to the apparatus;

a communication router to route a call directed from the first communication device to the second communication device; and

a custom identification service coupled to the communication router to receive an identification associated with the call and to provide a custom identification to the second communication device with the call.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the custom identification service comprises a database.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The apparatus of claim 32, wherein the database includes a plurality of custom identifications associated with a user of the first communication device.

Claim 35 (cancelled)